

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A system and method provides for the distribution of artistic works in electronic formats within an organization. The system includes a gateway server and desktop client that enables a user upload and store, on the gateway server, an encrypted copy of the digital content and define
5 an encrypted ticket unique to each user granted access to the digital content. In order to access the encrypted digital content, a user obtains the encrypted ticket. The ticket is encrypted with the user's public key and includes a symmetric key that can be used to decrypt the digital content as well as access control or rights management information that can be used to control user access to the digital content. The user's private key can be used to decrypt the ticket to obtain the
10 symmetric key in order to decrypt the digital content. The access control or rights management information can be used to determine whether the user is permitted to decrypt the digital content as well as what the user can do with the decrypted digital content if access is granted. The system and method can be used in the production environment to control access and distribution of pre-production versions of music and video works as well as draft book manuscripts and other
15 digital content.

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